उपसभापति: अब आप कह दीजिए कि जांच करा देंगे।

The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Bills pending before President for Assent

*321. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of State Bills pending before the President for assent for more than six months; and

(b) whether Government would consider setting up the convention that the Presidential decision in these matters shall not be delayed beyond six months?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) A statement is laid on the Table to the House. *(See bleow)*

(b) The State Legislations call for examination by the concerned Departments/Ministries of the Government of India and consultation with State Governments wherever found necessary. The concerned State Governments and the Central Ministries/Departments are reminded constantly to expedite their views in the matter. Discussions are also held where necessary, to expedite the clearance of the Bills.

Statement

List of State Bills pending before President for Assent for more than six months

Sl. No.	Date of Receipt	Bill Name
1.	20/11/89	The Andhra Pradesh Highways Bill, 1989.
2.	28/11/89	The Andhra Pradesh Industrial Workers (Representation Participation in Management and Relief) Bill, 1989.
3.	09/02/93	The Public Wakfs (Extension of Limitation) (A.P. Amendment) Bill, 1992.
4.	11/02/93	The Andhra Pradesh prevention of Disfigurement of Open Places and Prohibition of Obscene and Objectionable posters & Advertisements Bill, 1992.
5.	09/08/89	Tthe Assam Highways Bill, 1989.
6.	20/06/90	The Assam Land Grabbing (Prohibition) Bill, 1990.
7.	05/02/92	The Jharkhand Area Development Council Bill, 1991.
8.	09/05/88	The Maharshi Dayanand University (Amendment) Bill, 1988.
9.	09/05/88	The Kurukshetra University (Amendment) Bill, 1988.
10.	17/04/89	The Indian Electricity (Haryana Amendment) Bill, 1989.
11.	04/05/92	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 1992.
12.	12/05/92	The Karnataka Krishna Basin Development Authority Bills, 1992.
13.	19/01/93	The Karnataka Tax on Entry of Goods (Amendment) Bill, 1992.

Sl. No.	Date of Receipt	Bill Name
14.	29/04/91	The Kerala Women's Commission Bill, 1991.
15.	28/01/93	The Indian Tolls (M.P. Amendment) Bill, 1992.
16.	11/09/89	The Manipur Home Guards Bill, 1989.
17.	21/05/90	The Manipur Exhibition of Video Films Bill, 1989.
18.	09/12/92	Manipur Prevention of Malpractices at Public Examinations Bill, 1992.
19.	23/02/88	The Meghalaya medical Coulcil Bill, 1987.
20.	01/09/93	The Orissa Limitation of Expenditure on Marriage Bill, 1993.
21.	15/09/93	The Orissa State Commission for Women Bill, 1993.
22.	15/09/93	The Punjab Homeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 1993.
23.	22/08/90	The Rajasthan Tax on Luxuries (in Hotel and Lodging Houses) Bill, 1990.
24.	22/08/90	The Rajasthan Urban Improvement (Amendment) Bill, 1990.
25.	22/08/90	The Jaipur Development Authority (Amendment & Validation) Bill, 1990.
26.	07/12/92	The Rajasthan Flood Plain Zoning Bill, 1990.
27.	21/01/93	The Rajasthan Tenancy (amendment) Bill, 1992.
28.	01/11/89	The Sikkim Alienation of Land (Regulation) Bill, 1989.
29.	01/11/89	The Sikkim Transfer of Land (Regulation) Bill, 1989.
30.	29/05/86	The Madras Race Club (Acquisition & Transfer of under Taking) Bill, 1986.
31.	29/10/91	The Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) (Amendment) Bill, 1991.
32.	31/01/94	The Tamil Nadu Land Enforcement (Amendment) Bill, 1993.
33.	08/07/91	The Tripura (Prevention of Specific Corrupt practices) Bill, 1991.
34.	08/07/91	The Tripura Forest (Regulation as to Removal of Timber) Bill, 1991.
35.	01/06/92	The Uttar Pradesh Prevention of Cow Slaughter (Amendment) Bill, 1992.
36.	15/09/92	The West Bengal Correctional Services Bill, 1992.
37.	29/10/92	The Limitation (West Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1992.
38.	27/09/93	The West Bengal Government Land (Regulation of Transfer) Bill, 1993.
39.	27/09/93	The Bengal Natural History Society (Acquisition of the Natural History Museum) Bill, 1993.

Sl. No.	Date of Receipt	Bill Name
40.	30/09/93	The West Bengal College Service Commission (Amendment) Bill, 1993.
41.	27/09/93	Indian Partnership (West Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1993.
42.	13/10/93	The Payment of Gratuity (West Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1993.
43.	13/10/93	The Payment of Wages (West Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1993.
44.	23/12/93	The Land Acquisition (West Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1993.

Dumping of Garbage on Railway Tracks

*322. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that everyday 49000 tonnes of garbage and sewage are dumped on railway tracks, according to some expert calculations; and

(b) if so, what measures are being taken by Government to ensure that the railway tracks are freed from such abuse and the environment in the surrounding areas is not polluted?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) Indian Railways have about 63,000 kms. route length criss-crossing the whole country on which 7500 passenger & 5900 freight trains run every day. These routes pass through rural areas and urban areas, some of which are thickly populated. In such a situation it is natural that some garbage gets thrown from the public areas situated alongside the track and from the passsing trains. Some night soil and garbage also gets dropped on the track from running trains. The quantum of the garbage etc. is however, difficult to assess nor have the railways attempted any exercise in this regard.

The problem is quite bad in few spots where slums (jhuggi jhopris) have come up very close to the track in certain metropolitan areas.

(b) In most of the cases the garbage and sewage is in such quantity that it does not require any systematic measure to keep the track in reasonably manageable condition. However, in few locations the problem of abuse by the population living adjoining to the track is more of a social problem. Railway has, however, undertaken the following measures:—

(i) In urban areas boundary walls and fences have been erected to prevent the dwellers from abusing the railway track and adjoining areas.

(ii) Plantation of shrubs in railway land to protect and to prevent its abuse.

(iii) Maintaining constant liasion with the Municipal Corporations and local bodies for removal of slums away from the areas adjoining the railway tracks and to provide toilets and garbage dumps etc. in nearby locations to prevent the abuse of railway land.

All out efforts are constantly made to keep the tracks and the surroundings clean by regular removal of garbage etc.

Laying of Railway Line from Khurja Junction to Palwal

*325. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal